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There has been a good deal of mis-Houses of Congress, copies of which has aggravated and intensified most of fullness by Evans. were given out at the Document Room them. It is clear now that he never at the Capitol as an act, upon the sup- had the slightest intention of making position that it had become a law. The the reforms which the people demanded bill was one which declared that a by their votes in 1896, and that he took Evans continues this denial. pension granted became a vested right, the office with the intention of defeating

due trial of charges made. We publish the following letter from it happened that the measure, which was supposed to be at one time safely Mr. Lochren. These had been revopassed, in the end failed.

cipient without a 30 days' notice and

Replying to your favor of the 25th inst., I beg to inform you that the bill introduced in Congress by myself, to which you refer, did not become a law. While it passed both Houses, yet-just as the last of the session before it had gone to the President-it was recalled by the Senate, and in the rush of business at the close of the session, it failed to become a law. Yours respectfully, JESSE OVERSTREET.

IT was at first reported that Admiral Dewey was anxious to return home in time to attend the G.A.R. National Encampment at Philadelphia. This was delightful news for the comrades. Now the news is that he will make the return voyage very leisurely, and take four months time. This would bring him too late for the National Encampment. It is earnestly hoped that he will adhere to his original resolution, and be present with the comrades at the 33d National Encampment.

THE best proof that things are progressing satisfactorily in the Philippines is that Admiral Dewey is coming home. If there were the slightest occasion for his remaining he would remain. It will be remembered that he refused the Government's detail for a pleasant journey to Paris to meet the Peace Commission, because he felt that he was needed at his post of duty.

THE Department of Maryland, Sons of Veterans, which includes the Dirtrict of Columbia and the States of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North and South Carolina, holds its 13th annual Encampment in Maccabees Hall in this city next Monday. It promises to be a large and profitable gathering. Comrades of the G.A.R. are cordially invited to attend, and it is hoped that they will do so in great numbers. We should give our sons all the encouragement we can, and show every interest

their food has been a sort of millet, these, the chief executioner under helped him politically. is a mistake to think that they are Columbia,—he has advanced to the York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, to 80 cents, gold, and so far the supply the claims. is not equal to the demand. Maize can 5th Specification. - Commissioner the National Encampment at Philadelbe sent from San Francisco to Chefoo at Raum's Order 164 placed disabilities phia to do will be to thank the Presi- I'd do if I had my way. There's more brimfrom \$4 to \$11 a ton, and it is estimated under the act of June 27 on the same mated that it can be laid down in China plane with those arising under the old at a cost not exceeding \$1.10, "Mexican" law, and gave corresponding allowsilver, or 55, cents gold, a bushel. If ances. Lochren's Order 225 and the there is a current of shipments started decision in the Bennett Case, revoked in that direction, the cost will be greatly all this, and gave a much narrower and takable, and they are a severe indict-

CLAY EVANS. Upon the inauguration of Maj. Mc Kinley as President of the United States, Henry Clay Evans sought and and could not be taken away from re- their clearly-expressed will.

So much for the general charge. Now

1st Specification.—There had been the author of the bill, explaining how universal complaint of the Boards of of years, and have absolute profes-Examining Surgeons as constituted by sional knowledge of the existence of lutionized by him. Prior to his entrance they had been non-partisan, and largely disable a man for manual labor is constituted of ex-Surgeons of the army treated with contempt. The findings of who had experience with the veterans the duly qualified Boards of Examinand knowledge of and sympathy with ing Surgeons fare little, if any, better. their ailments. Lochren made the Their recommendations are disregarded, Boards strictly partisan, and made them and their ratings arbitrarily reduced, up of young fledgling graduates, to whom sometimes one-half, sometimes more. the income was a great inducement. Mr. Evans made many flourishing an- abundantly supported by irrefragable nouncements, and in some instances ap- evidence. In whatever light it is pointed new Boards, but in the main viewed it is seen that the present Comthe Boards continue as formed by missioner is not a fit man for the place. passed or camped at during the campaign of was trying to imitate the feats he had seen Lochren. The pretense that these are under the protection of the Civil Service has been thoroughly exposed in these columns. But it is only fair to say that these Boards have treated the veterans

> liberal to suit him. passed the act of March 6, 1896, to stop Lochren's juggling claimants under the act of June 27, 1890, out of the arrears accruing between the filing of the claims and their allowance. Lochren treated continued his practice.

been that of cutting in two the allow-

ring in the Pension Bureau which di-There is a fine prospect of a big ducing or refusing promotion to clerks he has to retain his present place. trade with China in Indian corn. The and officials who were known to be in Furthermore, one of his besetting sins ing tebels in Nashville," broke out Con-Chinese take to maize more readily than favor of executing the laws according is political ingratitude. He has always wheat, and naturally, for the bulk of to their spirit and purport. One of been too ready to forget those who have which belongs to the maize family. It Lochren,—a resident of the District of If the great Departments of New wholly rice-enters. Only those in the position where he has the last "say" Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, and neighborhood of the sea-cast cut rice, on all cases under the act of June South Dakota follow the example of They raise maize, but it is of a poor 27, 1890, and can suppress any in- Missouri and Kansas, and speak out cost us a hundred times as many lives as if quality, and the yield is scanty. The clination to liberality on the part of price of American maize ranges from 65 those who have previously passed on disagreeable business will be finished to the necks of every blasted one of 'cm, and

THE INDICTMENT AGAINST HENRY Order 225 is still in force, in spite of the appeal of the National Encampment, G.A.R., at Cincinnati. As illustrations of this, a claimant has to prove to-day disabilities which would secured the appointment of Commis- give him from \$24 to \$30 under the sioner of Pensions. Whatever his ideas old law, in order to get \$8 or \$10 under may have been upon taking the office, the act of June 27, and enough to give those of the veterans of the country and him from \$12 to \$15 in order to get \$6, their friends as to his course and duty the minimum rate. The loss of the were quite clear and strong. For four sight of one eye was pensioned by years the country had rung with de- Black under the old law at \$12. Raum fierce battle. Si and shorty capture a rebei attention to mere reports of having seen ordered back by Si. Then he would drop nunciations of the cruelty and injustice of the administration of his predeces of the administration of his predeces. June 27. Lochren took the rating learn about it and journeys to the local boundary of the field in bad condition. Deacon more substantial than that "Of course they do, and localital He fails to be able to buy some said Si. "Is your engineer; sor, Wm. Lochren. The papers had vigorously assailed Lochren's policy; of an eye is pensioned under the old at every gathering of veterans it had law at \$17. Raum gave \$12 under the bill at the feet of the owner, and dashes "Well, which had resulted in Maj. McKinley's is pensioned at \$10. Scurvy resulting pany of Union cavalry relieves the Deacon of dangerous." election, every stump had been a ros- in loss of teeth was pensioned by Raum trum for vehement condemnation of it. at from \$6 to \$12. Lochren took this These facts were as well-known to Mr. away, and Evans does the same. Loss Evans as to any other citizen of the of forefinger and thumb was pensioncountry, and the mere acceptance of the able under Raum at from \$6 to \$12. place by him was a distinct pledge to Nothing under Lochren and Evans. remedy the evils which had formed so Raum gave pensions for loss of toes, THE FATE OF THE OVERSTREET BILL. large a part of the issues of the cam- which crippled a man in walking. paign. It was a case of false pretense Lochren and Evans give nothing. We understanding about what was known on his part-an egregious confidence might go on indefinitely reciting illusas the Overstreet Bill, which was passed game-for not only has be not remedied trations of the harsher rulings of as a rider on the deficiency bill by both substantially one of those evils, but he Lochren which are maintained in their

> 6th Specification.—Lochren denied pensions to widows who had an income equal to or exceeding 896 a year.

7th Specification .- The treatment of evidence in support of claims is cruelly unjust. The sworn testimony of reputafor the specifications which support it: | ble physicians who have been the family doctors of claimants for a term rheumatism, heart disease, ruptures, and similar ailments sufficient to entirely

Every one of these allegations can be

Evans must go. THOROUGHLY ALARMED. ommissioner Francis therene alarmed, as he has every reason to be, over the action that the Department a great deal better than Mr. Evans has, Encampments of the G.A.R. are almost and a large part of his baleful work has certain to take. If these follow the ances they have made the veterans, or and speak out the feelings of the in rejecting them altogether. Even the veterans, they will make a manifesta-Lochren Boards have been entirely too tion that President McKinley cannot bridge or deep cut about 10 miles from help heeding, and Evans's fall is certain. 2d Specification.—In response to the He understands this, and has been send- after dark," assented Si. complaints of the veterans Congress ing men and letters to the various Departments to endeavor to forestall any partments to endeavor to forestall any but presently the conductor came back into the caboose. He had been a soldier, but so into line on the spot indicated, looking into letters were ent to Illinois, New York, and Wisconsin, with earnest appeals to this law as a dead letter, and Evans has do their utmost to save Evans from censure. He is pulling every string 3d Specification.—The per centage of that he can. Those who have political rejections under Evans equals that aspirations he is trying to cajole with when the execution of the laws should the Administration in their behalf. To be still more liberal, owing to the others he is making misrepresentations seen anything of consequence. advancing years of the veterans, the as to what he is really accomplishing intensification of their disabilities, and for the veterans. We do not think that consequent greater urgency of their all this will avail anything. The feeling everywhere against Evans is too deep-4th Specification .- He has retained seated and strong to be overcome, or around him, and is guided by, the same even disregarded. To those who know rected Lochren's policy. He has adare valueless. He has little influence the hill-tops. Then, I made out some white horses, which our cavalry don't have. It's "It looks," continued Si, "as if they'd to 'tend to. There's a feller over there that's vanced and promoted them, while re- with the Administration, and needs all

> dent for listening to the just complaints stone trouble to the acre in Nashville than in of the comrades.

Evans must go. WHILE the resolutions passed by the New Hampshire Encampment are very temperate, their meaning is unmis-



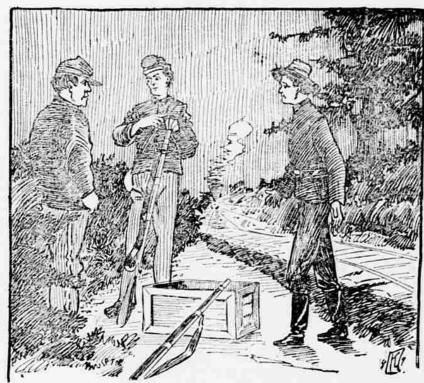
hospital. He fails to be able to buy some said Si.

mellin' around for suckers. I told him to and the train started. let our boys alone, or I'd snap his neck off It had grown quite dark. The boys sat short. Great Jehosephat, but I wanted a silent and anxiously expectant on their seats, chance to git up town, and give some o' them clutching their loaded guns, held stiffly up-cold-deckers a whirl." clutching their loaded guns, held stiffly up-right, and watching Si's face as well as they

"Well." said Conductor Madden, after could by the dim light of the single oil lamp, some deliberation, "I believe what you boys Si leaned against the side of the door and You're not the kind to get rattled, and watched intently. make rebels out of cedar-bushes. All the same, there's nothing to do but go ahead. by the gravity of the situation. Rather, it My orders were to take this train through to seemed to spur his feet, his hands and his

of the 200th Ind., at Chickamanga engage in | if we could telegraph they wouldn't pay any guerrillas in the bushes, until

Well, I believe our boys 's all right. been severely attacked; the National Act of June 27. Lochren reduced it Johnnies. He makes a savory dish for Si and in a clover field, but they're all good stuff, Encampments of the Grand Army of to \$8, and Evans continues the rate. Shorty. Foraging again he surprises and and I believe we kin stand off any ordinary the Republic had pronounced dignified Raum gave \$8 for deafness in one ear. captures a team containing provisions prepared for the men in a rebel camp by the This's a mighty valuable train to risk, but it but exceedingly earnest remonstrances Lochren took this away, and Evans against it, and during the campaign continues, though under the old law it horse, which demolishes the wagon. A com- two long whistles, if he sees anything it livelier. What sort o' guns has the



"WE SHOT HIM. WAS THAT ALL RIGHT?"

recognizes Mr. Klegg and consents to let Si the family, and makes Shorty so ashamed that he leaves secretly to return to his regiwith a squad of boy recrnits.

With the Guerrillas.

moving figures sketched themselves. "Guerrillas," said Shorty,

Si nodded affirmatively.

'Skeetin' acrost the country, to jump flat hill-stones over an adjacent pond. advice of THE NATIONAL TRIBUNE, this train, or some other," continued Shorty. 'This one, most likely," answered Si.

"Yes," accorded Shorty, with an estimat

Where we'll probably git sometime quick, curt accents.

The train had started in the meanwhile, severely wounded as to necessitate his discharge as incapable of further field service. "I hardly think there's any danger,"

well-known and influential comrades to very quiet this side the Tennessee River catridges."

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"Now," said Si, as they did this, "Joslyn, and Minty belted the life out of old Joe Wheeler down there at Farmington and One of you walk down in front, and the Rodeersville. Our cavalry gave theirs an other behind, and give each man two packawful mauling, and them that were lucky enough to escape across the river have seemed under Lochren, and this at a time promises to use his great influence with hell's mint of 'em were drowned trying to cap-boxes." get acrost the river. Our cavalry's been patrolling the country ever since, but hasn't hopes to catch a train. Guerrillas are always

said Si, "that them was guerrillas that we saw, and they're makin' for this train. The Ohio, but now there's a prospect o' meetin' reliels in Nashville some how got informa-

just as Si says, them Nashville spies 's put

Shorty. tin-horn crowd that ever fumbled a deck or skinned a greeny out o' the last cent o' his still, till I count. Imry, Ory, lekery, Ann, loaded, bounty. Say, Si, do you remember that Quevy, Quavy, Irish Navy, Filleson, Folle-proud o' pile down there at Murfreesboro, with them it!"

Son, Nicholas — Buck! That's me. I'm cards that I'd clipped with a property of the son it!" reduced, and leave a handsome profit for shippers.

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"He didn't count fair! He didn't count fair! He didn't count fair! He never counts fair," protested the said Gid, "and then dropped a little, so's to

"Of course they do, and very properly,"

" 'Tention!" shouted Si,

Si's face.

An impalpable something in the tones and

"Mackall and Joslyn," called Shorty from

ages, and put the catridges in your catridge-

Si walked down in front, in the rear of the

ome. I hadn't expected to see any till after

"Knowin' you was so anxious to see 'em,

"Can't we go back on top o' the cars,

"You must all come into the cars with me."

They all pressed forward, "Count out.

That's the only fair way," shouted the boys

"That's so," said Harry Joslyn. "Stand

eager school-boy fashion.

"more'd be in the way."

they've come up the road to meet you," in-

never where you expect 'em."

'Now, Loys," said Si, taking his place in

words stilled everybody into seriousness.

This was deepened by the look they saw on

the horse and gives him a cow, which is! "I'll go and git onto the engine with claimed as Gen. Rosecrans's. The General him," said Shorty. recognizes Mr. Klegg and consents to let Si "Wait a little," said Si. "We'll get the and Shorty go bonie with him, which they boys together, issue 'em catridges, and give do. Shorty gets a letter from a sweetheart he has never seen. The letter is read before to have one. The sun has 'em a little preparation for a fight, if we're The sun had gone down, and the night was at hand. The train had stopped to take on ment, and wakes up at Jeffersonville, Ind. a supply of wood from a pile by the road-Some of the boys were belging pitch After recovery the partners start to the front side, the heavy sticks onto the engine, the rest

The train passed Shelbyville in the course and were without a care in the world, of the atternoon, and halted on a switch. Harry Joslyn had been giving exhibitions Tired of reading, Si was standing at the of standing on his head on the runningdoor of the ear, looking out over the coun-board. Gid Mackail had converted a piece try, and trying to identify places they had of rope he had picked up into a lasso, and the previous Summer. Suddenly his far- performed at the last circus. Monty Scruggs, his inevitable pack of cards, and spring to Moor," "Absalom," "The Battle of Waterthe sky-line of the eminence, against which recitations. Alf Russell, the embryonic

ing glance at the direction of the range of that it arrested the attention of every one of off any o' them that tries to set fire to the "and'll aim at strikin' us at some them instantly.

"Yes. Let's talk to the conductor and engineer.

each other's countenances and into that of Si's for an explanation of what was up. said Conductor Madden. "Things 've been the car, "come here and take this box of of some large stones, behind which they could you and Mackall issue those to the boys. ages of catridges. purty well satisfied to stay on that side. A boxes, bullet-end up, and the caps in your

manner, and then fixed their anxious gaze possible that some gang has managed to upon him for further impartment. sneak across a blind-ford somewhere, and in line, superintending the operation. where you find 'cm," "Well, I'll bet a hat-full o' red apples." front and facing them, "vou've bin talkin' about guerrillas ever since we crossed the

"Them's guerrillas," affirmed Shorty the rebel cavalry onto us.

"Them cowardly, sneaking, death-deserv ductor Madden, with a torrent of oaths, to the Government to lose, and too valuable ought to be hung on sight, and I tell you. half the women. They don't do nothing but guns carefully, handle 'em very carefully lay around and take the oath of allegiance, after they are loaded, git back in the cars, watch every move we make like a cat does a stop skylarkin', keep very quiet, listen for headlight'll cover the other side," You can't draw a ration of hardtack | the letter-no more, no less." but they know it, and they're looking down your throat while you're eating it. They where we kin watch for 'em, and git the haint got the gravel in their craws to go first pop at 'em?" said Harry Joslyn, in a out and light themselves, and yet they've pleading tone. up at once, and all that will be left for fling 'em into the Cumberland River, and then pour turpentine on the infernal old

any town on the footstool, not barring even "Nashville certainly is tough," sighed "Specially in gambiers. Worst in the center.

stop on a suspicion.' No, indeed," assented Si and Shorty.

Chattanooga as quick as I could. I can't mouth to nimbler activity. He was everywhere-at one moment by Si's side in the door of the car, at the next climbing up to 'There's no place to telegraph from till peer out of the window; and then clamberwe get to Bridgeport, on the Tennessee, and ing to the top of the car, seeing legions of They want something the butt of his musket on the floor with a

right, and watching Si's face as well as they

Only little Pete Skidmore was unrepressed

crash which would start every one of the tant nerves to throbbing. And the questions "Say, Sergeant, will the guerrillas holler before they shoot, or shoot before they

holler?" "Sometimes one, and sometimes the "Keep other," responded Si, absently.

quiet, Pete. Quiet for a minute, and then: "Shall we holler before we shoot, or shoot

before we holler?" "Neither. Keep perfectly quiet, and 'tend strictly to your little business."

" I think we ought to holler some, Makes "Every kind-shot-guns, pistols, rifles flint-locks, cap-locks-every kind. rou mustn't ask me any more questions.

Don't bother me." Yez, sir; I won't." Quiet for at least five seconds. Then:

'Have the guerrillas guns that'll shoot hrough the sides of the cars?

e something. Kin they shoot through the sides o' the tender, and let all the water out, and stop the engine?"

will? "Mebbe."

"Kin we plug up the holes, anyway, then, and start agin? "Probably

"Hain't the engineer got an iron shield that he kin git behind, so they can't shoot "Can't he turn the steam onto 'em, and

scald 'em if they try to git at him?" "What'll happen if they shoot the head-Why wouldn't it be a good idee to put a lot o' us on the cow-ketcher, with fixed

bayonets, and then let the engineer crack on a full head o' steam, and run us right into "Great Scott, Pete, you must stop askin"

questions," said Si desperately. "Don't you ee I'm busy?" Pete was silent for another minute. Then he could hold in no longer:

Sergeant, jest one question more, and then I'll keep quiet." Well, what is it?" "If the rebels shoot the bell, won't it

make a noise that they kin hear clear back at Nashville?" The engine suddenly stopped, and gave two long whistles. Above the screech they

heard shots from Shorty, and the two boys with him. "Here they are, boys," said Si, springing out, and running up the bank. boys. Come up here and form." "All out.

As he reached the top of the bank a yell and a volley came from the other side of the

creek.' Shorty joined him at once, bringing the two boys on the engine with him.

were skylarking along the tops of the cars, in the irrepressible exuberance of animal spirits of boys who had had plenty to eat, "We've bin running' through this deep ent," he explained, "and jest come out onto the approach to the bridge, when we see a little fire away ahead, and the headlight showed some men runnin' down on to the bank on the other side o' the crick, seeing eyes became fixed on the intervals in the incipient lawyer, who was proud of his to the road, and started a fire on the bridge the trees on the farthest hill-top. Without elecutionary talents, had veciferated at the that's about a mile ahead. Their game was whip us, and take the train. We shot at the his side. Without speaking, Si pointed to loo," and similar staples of Friday afternoon men we see on the bank, but probably didn't do 'em no harm. They're all pilin' down now to the other bank, to whip us out and doctor, who sang a fine tenor, was rendering 'Lily Dale'' with much impressment, and git the train. You'd better deploy the boys little Pete Skidmore was "skipping" the along the top o' the bank here, and open on em. We can't save that bridge but we kin this, and the train, by keepin' 'em on the Pope, other side o' the crick. I'll take charge o' the Maj There was something so different in the one from that in which Si had before spoken. p'int here with two or three boys, and drive bridge, and you kin look out for the rest o' the "Git your guns and fall in two ranks on line. It's goin' to be long taw work, for you that sod, there, at once," commanded Si, in | see the crick's purty wide, but our guns 'll carry further'n theirs, and if we keep the

boys well in hand, I think we kin stand 'em off without much trouble.' "Sure," said Si confidently. the other side o' the bridge, and I'll look out

They snatched up their guns and hurried for the rest." The eager boys had already begun firing entering into the spirit of the thing with the zest of a game of town-ball. Shorty took Gid Mackall and Harry Josiyn down to the cover lie and command the approach to the other end of the bridge with their rifles. Si took the other boys and placed them behind rocks and stumps along the crest, and instructed them to fire with as good aim as possible at the flashes from the other side. In a minute or two he had a fine skirmish-line in operation, with the boys firing as deliberately and accurately as veterans. The engineer had The boys followed his directions with backed the train under the cover of the cat, nervous eagerness, inspired by his words and and presently he and the conductor came up

with guns and joined the firing-line. "I say, Shorty," said Si, coming down to where that worthy was stationed, "what d you think o' the boys now? They take to this like a duck to water. They think it's more fun than squirrel-huntin'. Listen." They heard Monty Scruggs's baritone call:

"Say, Alf, did you see me salt that feller that's bin vellin' and cussin' at me over we'd reached Chattanoogy, but guerrillas's there? He's cussin' now for something else. I think I got him right where he lived," "I wasn't paving any attention to you,

All's fine tenor replied, as his rammer rang got news of the train, and slipped out here firing buckshot at me that I've got to settle, to take it away from us. They may attack and here goes," it at any minute after we start agin. Now, "The 200th Injianny Volunteers couldn't

we mustn't let 'em git it. It's too valuable put up a purtier skirmish than this," murmured Si, in accents of pride, as he raised Every man in Nashville that wears citizen's to them to git. We mustn't let 'em have it, his gun and fired at a series of flashes on the Now, I want you to load your farther bank. "I say, tell that engineer to uncouple his engine, and bring it back up here, where the

mouse, and send information through the orders, and when you git 'cm, obey 'em to Shorty. "It'll make the other side as light as day, and we kin see every move, while " Good idee," said Si, hastening to find the

> engineer. He was none too soon. As the engin side, but revealed three men creeping toward

"Sergeant," said Shorty, "let me have a the other end of the bridge, ouple to go on the engine with me." carrying pine knots, and the thi carrying pine knots, and the third, walking "Le' me go. Le' me go," they all seemed behind, had a stick of blazing pine, which towa, and touch a match to it. That's what to shout at once, holding up their hands, in he was trying to shield from observation with his hat. "Take the front man, Harry. Take the "I can't take but two o' you," said Shorty;

second one, Gid. I'll take the man with the light," commanded Shorty. The three rifles cracked in quick success sion, and the three men dropped.

"Bully boys," ejaculated Shorty, as he re-eded. "You'll do. The 200th Injianny's proud o' you."

"I hit my man in the leg," said Harry. flushing with delight, as he bit off another He rapidly repeated the magic formula, cartridge. "Jerusalem, I wish they'd send

Well, I seen him down there at the depot, others; but Si hustled them into the cars, git him where he was biggest, and make

ure o' him.''
"Well, my man's beauty's spiled forever,"

'The light flared up on his face, and I let him have it there.'

"But Linden saw another sight, When beat the drums at dead of night, Commanding fires of death to light The darkness of her scenery."

recited Monty Scruggs. "Gracious' I'm

"Where?" asked Si, running up to him.

"Through my leg," answered Monty. "Kin you walk?"

"I guess so." "Well, make your way back to the ears, and git in and lay down."

Not much," answered Monty deter-

minedly. "It don't hurt much, and I'm going to stay and see this thing out. I can tie it up with my handkerchief. "Scatter again, boys," Si warned several, who had rushed up; "don't make too big a mark for the fellers on the other side. Go back and 'tend to your bizniss. I'll help him tie up his wound. I'm afeared, though that some o' the boys are runnin' out o'

catridges, they have bin shootin' so rapidly I want a couple o' you to run back to the cars and git another box." "Let me and Sandy go," pleaded little Pete Skidmore. "The big boys went be-

fore." "All right; skip out. Break the lid o' the box off before you take it out o' the car. We haven't anything here to do it with.

Leave your guns here. "No, we'll take 'em along," pleaded Pete, with a boyish love for his rifle. mightn't be able to find 'em agin." The firing from the opposite bank became

fitful, died down, and then ceased altogether. Then a couple of shots rang out from far in the rear, in the direction of the train. This seemed to rouse the rebels to another volley, "Probably." and then all became quiet. The shots in the rear disturbed Si, who started back to see what they meant, but met Pete Skidmore and Sandy Baker coming panting up, carry-ing a box of cartridges between them. "We got back as quick as we could,"

"Guess not."
"Haven't they any real big guns that as we was coming to the train we see a rebel who was carrying a fat-pine torch, and making for the train to set it on fire. We shot nim. Was that all right?"

"Perfectly," said Si. "Was there any more with him?"

"No. We looked around for others, but couldn't find none. That's what kept us so

"The Johnnies have given it up and one," said Shorty, coming up. over to a place where I could see 'em skippin' out by the light o' the burnin' o' the other bridge. We might as well put out guards here, and go into camp till mornin'.' "All right," assented Si. We've saved the train and bridge, and that's all we kin

(To be continued.)

PERSONAL.

The comrades of the Army of the Tenessee have sustained a peculiarly severe loss in the death of Gen. M. F. Force, Superintendent of the Ohio Soldiers' Home at Sandusky, where he died May 8. Gen. Force was the son of Peter Force. for many years Librarian of Congress, and well-known to the educated people of the country. Gen. Force was born in Washington in 1824, and graduated from Harvard in 1848. He was practicing law in Cincinnati when the rebellion broke out, and entered the 20th Ohio, where he hecame a Major. He was an execellent officer, and highly beloved by all his men. He became Colonel of his regiment, and commanded it until he was promoted to Brigadier-General, Aug. 11, 1863, for gallant service at Vicksburg. He took part in all the campaigns of the Army of the Tennessee, from Shiloh to the Grand Review, and was brevetted Major-General in a moment what was up. They've jest got for special gallantry before Atlanta, where he was terribly wounded. He returned to the practice of law in Cincinnati after the turning his head, he called Shorty, in a tone woods they were passing "Rienzi's Address to burn that bridge, and when this train war, and served 10 years on the bench in which made that worthy lose all interest in to the Romans," "The Last Sigh of the stopped, burn this one behind us, ketch us, Hamilton County. He was a forcible writer on legal and military topics. In 1888 he was elected Superintendent of the Soldiers' Home, and continued in that position until his death. His wife is langerously ill with a cancer, and her death is expected at any time. Force was brother-in-law to Gen. John

Maj. F. W. Coleman, who entered the 151st N. Y. as a Second Licutenant, and became a Captain and a Brevet Majorreceiving two brevets for special gallantry, entered the Regular Army, but resigned in 1874, when a Captain in the 31st U. S. He has been in the hotel business since, and recently kept the Richmond in Wash-D. C. He has now charge of the Hotel Hunterston, at Netherwood, N. J., a charming resort in the environs Plainfield.

Chaplain W. K. Albright, of Johes Post, 57. Greenville, O., has been unanimously indorsed by his comrades for Department Chaplain. Comrade Albright was a member of the 78th and later the 110th Ohio, and saw arduous service with these regiments. He was one of seven brothers

who served in the Union army. Col. Jas. Killbourne, of Columbus, O., is looked upon as the likely nominee by the Democrats as Governor of Ohio. He served during the rebellion as a Captain in the 95th Ohio, and is a large manu-

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